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Bar Hill Fête

SATURDAY 4th JULY 2015

starting at 2pm

Many activities including Dog Agility

Tug-of-War **Food** BEER FESTIVAL

Cream Teas will be enjoyed in the Church, along with Choirs

spot Custard Clown on the Green

Mr Gumble and his activities

Bands lined up for a brilliant evening:

Freddie Hall **Fluffy Wangers**

Stingray

For more information, visit the website: www.barhillvillagefete.org and keep an eye on the Bar Hill News.

BAR HILL COMMUNITY PICNIC BENCH

To celebrate our new Picnic Bench and to say thank you to everyone who has been involved, we invite you to join us for refreshments and fun outside the Library on **Sunday 17th May from 2–4pm**

– ELECTRICAL RECYCLING COLLECTION – 28th May

All redundant/unwanted electrical items can be left out for collection.
Parish Council Office: 01954 780456.

HAVE-A-GO GOLF DAY

Ladies! You are invited to try your golfing skills at a fun & free taster session at The Cambridgeshire Golf Club, Bar Hill, on Saturday 6th June 2015 from 3–6pm.
Try something new or polish up your game.
All abilities welcome.
Both clubs and refreshments will be provided on the day.
For more details and to register your interest, please call: Past Captain: Shelagh Byrne on 01954 781041; or email: info@thecambridgeshiregolfclubbarhill.co.uk; website: www.thecambridgeshiregolfclubbarhill.co.uk.

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The Objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between Residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill.

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EDITORIAL

There is no charge for Articles, What's On, For Sale and Lost and Found, and these appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month. All telephone numbers without an area code are Crafts Hill (01954). All items can be submitted electronically on disc or to bhneditor@yahoo.com, *[a Word file is best, please]* or hard copy via Parish Council Office.

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(appointments available from 7.30am)*

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Midwife	Thursday	2.00–4.00pm
Physiotherapist	Tuesday	1.00–4.30pm
Podiatrist	Wed. & Friday	8.45am–12 noon
	and	1.00–4.00pm
Orthoptist	2nd Tues. of month	9.00am–12.30pm
CAMTAD	4th Tues. of month	9.30–11.30am

Phone lines open from **7am – 6.30pm, Mon. – Friday.**
Out of Hours Emergencies – call **111**
(Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 111 Service)
Health Visitors: (based at Longstanton Surgery): 01954 207612
Well Child Clinics: 3rd Tuesday of the month 1.00–2.30pm at the Children's Centre, Bar Hill (next to Primary School).

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Operation Oaklands is in Bar Hill!

To tackle crime across South Cambs the police are visiting selected villages, calling on residents with security and crime prevention advice. The aim is to combat burglary, vehicle crime and theft.

From 20th April to 10th May it is the turn of Bar Hill. As well as advice, Smartwater property coding kits will be available at a reduced price of £10, plus shed and window alarms at cost price.

If you miss a visit and would like advice, please call 101 and ask to speak to a local officer.

Spring has sprung bringing extra opportunities for criminals. So please keep your property safe with the usual seasonal advice, which is widely acknowledged but often ignored until too late.

☺ Lock doors and windows when you are out or in a different part of the property – open windows are very inviting.

☺ Keep tools locked away – burglars love using your own tools to break into your house.

☺ It may be light when you go out but not by the time you return - use a radio and lights on timer switches to make your absence less obvious.

☺ Avoid commenting on social media about being away – the wrong person may take advantage of it and spoil your return.

Current trend

Local villages have seen an increase in thefts from vehicles – always remove any valuables and lock your vehicle. Even small items such as a jacket or loose change may tempt a potential thief. Tool thefts from Transit vans are part of a national series where it is thought that master keys are being used to gain access as there are often no signs of entry.

Finally

Bar Hill is fortunate to have relatively low crime levels – let's keep it that way by taking sensible precautions, being alert for suspicious signs and reporting them on 101.

Pam Vendy, NHW Village Co-ordinator

HAPPY HOURS – NEWSLETTER

The better weather is bringing members out – we do wish a speedy recovery to those who are not so well.

A new idea – we are now taking a photo each month of those who celebrate a Birthday, we can then put these in our Albums, lots of old faces and friends in them to reminisce.

We ended the month with an Easter bash, Hot Cross buns with coffee in a decorated hall with several games, Name 5 different chocolates, Find the egg in a poster, decorate a hat or make table decoration, all with, surprise, chocolate for the winners. We finished off by raffling the plants on the tables plus flowers and Easter eggs to members. A lovely day which everyone enjoyed.

Age UK Befriending Scheme call 0800 169 29 39 or Silverline 0800 470 80 90 especially for those who are lonely.

Helen Collins, 01954 782203

– NWR –

CONNECTING WOMEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN EVERYTHING AND TALK ABOUT ANYTHING

NWR is a national women's organisation with members who enjoy lively conversations both serious and light hearted. It is for women of all ages, who like to be informed and share ideas by actively participating in the content of meetings. We promote friendship and self-confidence for lively minded women. We invite you to join us, come along to one of our meetings, you 'd be very welcome.

7th May: **Hat Debate** – plus final arrangements for our Area Meeting. Venue: Julie's

SATURDAY 9th May: **Area Meeting** (members only)

21st May: **Prime Minister** – if you were Prime Minister what would your priorities be? Venue: Di's

4th June: **Dress** – does dress affect behaviour? Discussion. Venue: Marie-The's

The Bar Hill NWR group meets informally at 8pm on alternate Thursday evenings. We pay an annual fee of £18.00 and just £1.00 per meeting to cover local costs. If you would like more information or someone to accompany you to a meeting, please don't hesitate to call Geraldine Martensz on 01954 203458 or Bobby Colver on 01954 781682. NWR can also be found at www.nwr.org.uk. Why not have a look!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2015

From 10th–16th May volunteers from Bar Hill Church will be delivering Christian Aid Week envelopes throughout the village. Unlike some charity collectors, they will gain no personal benefit from calling on you. Last year about £2,470 was raised in Christian Aid Week in Bar Hill, and Gift Aid added £280 to that. Please help us to reach an even better total in 2015.

In our village we all have many things we take for granted – among them enough to eat, well-built homes, clean water and free education. Christian Aid runs projects to help those who lack such things. To support the collection, please put your contribution in your envelope ready for collection. If you are a tax payer, fill in the Gift Aid declaration to make what you give worth 25% more. Do answer the door to your collector politely; a few residents are not pleasant to those who give up their time to help others.

Some residents have notices on their doors warning buyers and sellers not to call on them. Note that charities do not regard these as applying to them.

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– LETTERS –

Dear Residents

Some of you know that I shall shortly be leaving Bar Hill to live in Cheshire nearer to my son and his family. I couldn't leave the village without saying how much I have enjoyed living here, and to thank all my friends and acquaintances for their friendship and support whilst I was Chair of the Parish Council, Editor of the Bar Hill News and when my husband Eddie died 8 years ago. Your support was a great comfort to me at that time.

My very best wishes to you all – good health and happiness in the years to come.

Margaret Sellars

Dear Editor

The dumping of litter around the bins is getting worse – huge bags of household waste, cardboard, bottles etc. Surely the household bins are adequate, and if not take it to the tip. It is so inconsiderate and is making Bar Hill look like Milton tip.

What a pity CCTV doesn't pick up the culprits enabling prosecution.

Use your household bins like other responsible people.

name and address withheld

Dear Editor

Dog poop – again.

Could someone from the Parish Council please clarify the ruling on disposal of dog faeces? I am sure I read that, in the absence of a special bin, it can be placed in an ordinary bin. But I was challenged by a rather rude person who claimed to be a councillor, and who was adamant that dog faeces can only be disposed of in labelled bins.

If this is the case, Bar Hill needs far more dog poop bins. And how is it possible to police this?

name and address withheld

BAR HILL BABY AND TODDLER GROUP...

... is held on Wednesday and Friday 9.45–11.15 am at the Octagon. This is for families and carers with children aged 0–4 years, with a variety of toys and activities for toddlers and pre-schoolers, and a baby area with mats and age appropriate toys. Drinks and snacks are provided.

Prices:

Under 1's – £1.00 *(or* FREE *when paying for a sibling over 1)*; Over 1's – £2.00.

Maximum charge per family/child-minder – £3.00.

Visit our Facebook page for details of future events.

BAR HILL MAY BALL

16th May 7.30pm until midnight in the Village Hall

Tickets £5 per person (adults only) available from the Toddler Group or by contacting Sarah on 01954 201943.

Licensed bar, hot food and music!

All proceeds to the Bar Hill Baby and Toddler Group.

ANDY KENT RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Andy Kent, inspiring founder of Andy's Kars and Andy's Ark in Bar Hill, has received the Institute of the Motoring Industry (IMI) award for Outstanding Individual Achievement. This new award, which Andy received at the IMI's Annual Dinner in March at the Grand Connaught Rooms, London, was also attended by ex-England rugby player Matt Dawson and Richard Noble OBE.

Andy works tirelessly to help people overcome challenges in their lives, whether physical, psychological or circumstantial. He set up Andy's Kars in 2002 and subsequently the charity Andy's Ark in 2009 as a centre to help young people to come to terms with their situations, and to encourage a robust, resilient and a 'can do' attitude. The Centre has had a helping hand in many high profile success stories, including Paralympic 100m gold medallist Johnny Peacock.

He says, "For many people, you wouldn't know about the challenges they have just to look at them. But these hidden challenges, such as difficulties with speech or movement, or psychological issues, mean people need our support. We try to show those who may have lost hope that there is still a life worth living, that they can make it happen. We are always prepared to give people a chance, and we foster respect, motivation and self-reliance."

His business, Andy's Kars, was set up to help adapt vehicles for a variety of disabilities, enabling people with limited movement, paralysis or other physical difficulties to regain their independence and get back on the road. The employees of both Andy's Kars and Andy's Ark share some of the challenges of both customers and visitors. Andy is very much an equal opportunities employer, proactively seeking to give people a chance to show that they can still work and make a difference.

– OPPORTUNITIES –

CLEANER/CARETAKER WANTED FOR THE VILLAGE HALL

12 hours per week & great rates of pay.

Please contact: Linda Pyle 07793 055335 or The Village Hall 01954 782414 – leave a message and we will contact you.

BAR HILL SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

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Contact Alan Dodd, Steward, on 01954 781881 for details.

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BAR HILL BOOK CLUB

The next meeting is on **Monday 11th May at 7pm** in The Fox, Bar Hill.
This month's book: Maggie O'Farrell "After You'd Gone"
Please join us on the night or contact us via:
www.streetlife.com/barhill

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BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: 01954 780456
e-mail: bhillpc-1@btconnect.com
Please note that the office is open to the public between **9am** and **11am Monday** to **Thursday**.
Visit our website, www.barhill.org.uk
for updates on local matters.

The Parish Council is investigating with the Police whether to have a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). This is a new order giving stronger powers regarding dog owners who do not pick up their dogs' poo.

The Parish Council continues with tree management in the village.

The Parish Council is aware of problems with over-filled rubbish bins, but it would help if residents do not dispose of their household rubbish.

Please look over your walls and fences to see if there is overgrowth from your garden, sometimes this causes problems on footpaths.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 21st May at 7pm in the Parish Council Office. Members of the public and press are welcome and there is an Open Forum at the start of each meeting for residents to put their views across.

Handy Telephone Numbers

Streetlights: 0800 253529 – give the number that is written on lamppost;
Anglian Water (water supply & sewerage): 03457 145 145;
South Cambs District Council: 03450 450500;
County Council (damaged paths and roads): 01223 717111.

BAR HILL HEALTH WALKS

Free every Wednesday morning
Meet at Maple Surgery, Hanover Close,
Bar Hill CB23 8EH
at 10:30 am

Our walks are all weather (in case of rain you will find us under the church porch), free, and accessible to all, particularly those who are currently inactive.

Walks are 45–60 minutes long, and led by trained Volunteer Walk Leaders. Shorter walks may be available; contact Patricia or Josephine to discuss.

We meet locally after the walk for a hot drink and a chat. This is usually in the library, but may sometimes be at Costa, Tesco, or the Fox.

If this is your first walk please arrive 10 minutes early to complete a short Health Questionnaire. Copies are available on the PPG noticeboard in Maple surgery, and at www.walkingforhealth.org.uk.

Contact: Patricia Daniels, Co-ordinator,
T: 07917 874402; E: danielsoohn@btinternet.com; or Josephine Powell, Co-ordinator, T: 07901 558108;
E: jopowell45@hotmail.com.

BAR HILL COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

Heads Up – please make a note in your diary
Colts Season Awards Presentation Afternoon
Saturday 13th June 2015

Our awards day always has a great atmosphere, so why not come along to the **Bar Hill School Playing Field** (adjacent to library) and support over 100 local children to celebrate their football skills this season? This year we will be starting in the afternoon with fun footy planned for the children.

Focus on our Bar Hill Rockets Under 10s team

With only one game left to play this season the U10s (the Rockets) have performed exceptionally. This season has seen a split league to ensure teams were consistently matched against teams of a similar standard. The Rockets maintained a place in the B league and have to date played 17 games of which they have won 9, lost 5 and drawn 3, scoring an impressive 61 goals along the way.

We have seen a few changes in the team over the season welcoming new players and saying goodbye to old ones who have moved into different activities, and whom we would like to thank for their contributions made in the games they played.

For those that have watched the Rockets play this season I hope you will agree they play fast, exciting, clinical football whilst maintaining an excellent attitude to the spirit of the game. This has resulted in a number of players gaining a place in Cambridge United Regional Development Centre and one individual gaining a place in both Cambridge United Shadow Squad and Ipswich Town Elite Squad (this is just one step below the professional's standard).

None of this would be possible without the special mention of the coaches and parents and our sponsor, Samujh Haulage.

– BICYCLE REPAIRS & SERVICING –

Collection & Return Service. **07914 655086**

– CHURCH MATTERS –

BAR HILL CHURCH SMALL GROUPS

Bar Hill Church has five small groups who meet regularly, weekly and fortnightly, with a mix of evening and daytime meetings.

A Small Group is a place where people grow together as they explore and apply the Bible to everyday life. It's also where people care and pray for one another, serve together and develop genuine relationships.

We hope that our groups facilitate discipleship, mission, fellowship, evangelistic outreach and pastoral care. The Church aims to develop a deeper understanding by providing sound biblical knowledge and spiritual growth, and help you develop your personal relationship with God.

In the New Year we are hoping to revisit some of the basic beliefs that underpin our Christian faith. Whatever stage you are at on your Christian journey this bible study will help you to explore and develop your Christian faith.

If you are interested in joining in the fellowship of a small group within the village please visit the Church website. I can be contacted at Bar Hill Church office to discuss placing you in a suitable group.

With Blessings in Christ

Jenny Patton [small groups coordinator]

BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT DATES FOR 2015

Please come and join us on: 23rd May, 27th June, 18th July, 26th September, 24th October in the Octagon 2.15– 4.30pm. 28th November will be our Christmas Craft Day – details nearer the time.

For more details contact Wendy on 01954 782041.

THE COFFEE STOP…

…is a weekly event in the Bar Hill Library, run by volunteers. Coffee, tea and biscuits are served from 10.00am till 12 midday for a modest price. We aim to provide a friendly meeting place for our community to have a chat to old friends and new.

The coffee stop is growing and is used regularly by the Bar Hill Health Walkers, and occasionally by members of the Horizon group.

We are very grateful to the library staff for accommodating us and would love to welcome new people to join us. We would like as many people as possible to borrow a book from the library regularly to help keep this facility available for our village. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information contact Sue Kenchington on 01954 780260.

BAR HILL VILLAGE WEBSITE

The Bar Hill Village web site – www.barhill.org.uk – is where important and interesting information can be posted. To get in touch with the webmaster, either follow the links on the website, or email: barhill@machineconcepts.co.uk.

Your Bar Hill News is available – without advertising pages – at www.barhill.org.uk/bhn.php about 10 days before the paper copy is delivered.

BAR HILL CHURCH

BAR HILL ECUMENICAL CHURCH

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

SERVICES FOR MAY 2015

The Church Minister, Charles Mather, can be contacted on minister@barhillchurch.org.uk, or by phone on 01954 277119. Our website gives lots of information about what's happening in Church: barhillchurch.org.uk.

Weds. 1st	**6.30pm** Stations of the Cross.
Sunday 3rd	**10am** Holy Communion with cafe Church for young people. **6.30pm** Evening Worship.
Sunday 10th	**8am** Holy Communion. **10am** Morning Worship with Kidzone for Children.
Thursday 14th	**7.30pm** Ascension Day Service.
Sunday 17th	**10am** Holy Communion with cafe Church for young people.
Sunday 24th	**10am** All age Worship for Pentecost. Evening Pentecost Praise at Ely Cathedral.
Weds. 27th	**10am** Midweek Communion.
Sunday 31st	**10am** Morning Worship. **6.30pm** Holy Communion.

Contact: Church Centre Manager: 01954 206120; office hours Mon., Weds. and Fri. 0930–1230.

There is a Roman Catholic Mass every Saturday at 6 pm.

Come and join this year's

BAR HILL CHURCH HOLIDAY CLUB "MEGA MAKERS"

Monday 27th to Friday 31st July from 9.30am to 1pm (with extended day on Wednesday and Service on Friday teatime) for children in Reception to Year 6.

Cost £28 per child (reductions for siblings) includes a t-shirt, trip and family tea.

Open bookings will be taken from Monday 20th April.

For more details and a booking form please contact:

Claire Thorby: cypadmin@barhillchurch.org.uk or tel: 01954 781527;

Heather Smethurst: cyp@barhillchurch.org.uk or tel: 01954 201791.

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– CHURCH MATTERS –

BAR HILL COMMUNITY MARKET
Saturday 2nd May
Saturday 6th June
10.30am – 2pm
In the Octagon CB23 8EH
– Entry is Free –
Come and support your local community.
A variety of handmade crafts, jams, fruit, vegetables, cards and beauty products.
We raise funds for community projects.
Refreshments Available
Soup and roll from 12noon
BBQ *(weather permitting)*
If you would like to be part of the market, please contact either Karen Austen 01954 781085 or Sue Gadsby 01954 200875.

YOUNG PEOPLE GROUPS

Youth Socials – there is a time to relax and play games (Wii, Pool, Table Tennis) one Sunday per month from 7.15–9.00pm in the Octagon.
Cell Groups – these are groups of young people, meeting once a month, to learn more about the Bible and the Christian faith.
Café Church – as an alternative to sitting in the Sunday morning service, the children & young people meet in the Octagon on 1st and 3rd Sundays, for breakfast and a learning activity.
Young Peoples Evening Worship Service – this informal service is for adults and young people and uses contemporary music and format. This is held from 6.30–8.00pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month, starting with cake and drinks!
For more information on any of these events contact Heather at familysmeth@ntlworld.com.

KNIT AND NATTER...

...is a long established group that has weekly meetings on Thursday afternoons at 1.15 until 3.30pm in the Octagon. We are a friendly and active group who do what we can to support one another and groups who need our help. We currently work hard knitting for the children's Christmas Shoe Boxes, "Operation Christmas Child". We also send hats, jumpers and blankets to where they are needed in the world. We hold a number of events in the year including outings, coffee mornings, a Christmas lunch and a "Holiday at Home" at Easter. We would be very happy to welcome new people either those who are knitters or those who just want to come to chat and would like to meet some new friends.
For more information contact Sue Kenchington on 01954 780260.

BAR HILL CHURCH ECO GROUP...

...meets for an hour in alternate months to think about how we, as a local community, can best use world resources both for our own benefit and for that of future generations. We are working towards the award of 'Eco-Congregation'. Recent events have included an Eco walk and picnic, and a Church Weekend at Home with speakers from Cambridge Carbon Footprint.
New members – from the congregation or the village – are always welcome. Meetings take place in the Church from 11.30–12.30 on the second Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November. Further details can be found at www.barhillchurch.org.uk.

MESSY CHURCH...

...is for pre-school and primary age children and their carers. They meet in the Octagon from 3.15–5.15pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
Each session begins with craft activities followed by a story and song on a Bible theme, and ends with a simple meal. Come along!
For more information contact Peter at familysmeth@ntlworld.com.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

Hills Road, Cambridge
The Catholic Church serving Bar Hill

Parish Priest:	Mgr Peter Leeming	Tel: 01223 350787
Local contact:	Bunty Waters	Tel: 01954 201421
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday		8am and 12.15pm
Tuesday		8am and 7.30pm
Saturday		6pm. First Mass of Sundays

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge; also 5pm at Cambourne and **6pm at The Octagon**, Bar Hill.

Holydays of Obligation	8am, 10am, 7.30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Tuesday	6.45pm (not after Mass)
Saturday	10.30–11.15am, 4.30–5.15pm, 7.00–7.45pm

Details of other services are published in a weekly newsletter available at the 6pm Mass each Saturday. Copies are also available in the Church Centre.

ART GROUP

If you would like to try painting, even if you think you're no good, we will give you a warm welcome.
Bar Hill Church Art Group meets on **Wednesday afternoons** throughout the year from **1.30–4pm** in the **Church**. Our meetings are very informal with occasional visiting tutors.
Why not come along and give it a try? You can borrow equipment until you find out what you need, and other members are always ready help.
Contact Jan Hewins on 01954 201495 for more information.

BAR HILL VILLAGE HALL

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During the week we have the following groups and clubs:

Monday	Helene Jones Dance *(school term time only)*	4.00–8.15pm
Tuesday	Shotokan Karate	5.45–8.00pm
Tuesday	Danielle (Boot Camp)	8.00–9.00pm
Wednesday	Helen Jones (Dance)	4.00–6.45pm
Wednesday	Zumba	7.00–8.00pm
Wednesday	Pilates	8.00–9.00pm
Thursday	Pilates *(term time only)*	10.00–11.00am
Thursday	Weightwatchers	7.00–7.50pm
Friday	Stage Starz *(term time only)*	5.45–6.45pm
Friday	Martial Arts	7.45–9.00pm
Saturday	Sweat and Tone	8.00–9.00am
Sunday	Bingo *(doors open 7pm)* Cash prizes	7.30–9.30pm

If you wish to book any of these facilities, or get more information, please call **01954 782414** and leave a clear message. We'll call back within 24 hours Monday–Friday); or e-mail barhill.villagehall@btconnect.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

– 8 O'CLOCK CLUB –

The 8 o'clock club is an all-women's group which meets on the first Thursday of the month in the lounge in the school. We have a variety of speakers as well as a garden party, birthday party and Christmas meal. Our programme for this term is as follows:–

7 May – Gerry Dodd *'What's that funny smell in the kitchen'.*
4 June – David Reeves *'Wood turning at 70'.*
2 July – Garden party. Members only.
6 August – No meeting (school closed).

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Sat. 16	Membership draw
Mon. 25	Mini Monthly Quiz – £50 prize
Fri. 29	Disco Night
Sat. 30	Membership Draw

Looking Ahead to June…

Sat. 13	Membership Draw
Sat. 27	Membership Draw
Fri. 26	Disco Night
Mon. 29	Mini Monthly Quiz –£50 prize

Saturday Teams Home Games

Sat. 2 May	Bar Hill Saturday Reserves v Houghton & Wyton – K/O 1500
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Not a Member?

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Cash for the Community

Our charity was chosen as one of ten in the running for a share of £10,000. Tokens were collected at Cambridge Building Society branches and the Cambridge News offices in early April.

Our stall at Addenbrooke's Outpatients on 27th March raised £135, bringing our total for 2015 to £448.

This spring we have a small display at the Tea Bar, Outpatient Department, Rosie Hospital at Addenbrooke's.

Our next stalls will be:

Monday 4th May 10.30am–4pm at the Farmland Museum at Denny Abbey Craft Fair;

Saturday 13th June 2.30–4pm at Willingham Craft Fair at Ploughman's Hall, CB24 5LP.

We have discounted items for sale in our eBay Charity Store Rosieinstitches2010, books on Amazon, and second hand patterns and craft materials on our Facebook page. There are links to affiliate stores where we will get a donation on our website.

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If you can improve our website, organise the three large stalls per year at Addenbrooke's Outpatients, provide transport for our volunteers or display a small selection of our wares please contact a member of the committee. Details are on our website.

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The Maple Surgery Team

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Thank you for supporting our street collection on 25th April in Cambridge Centre.

We are hosting a **Cake Decorating Event** on **Thursday 21st May** from **6.30–8.30pm** at Horizon Resource Centre, 285 Coldhams Lane, Cambridge. Entry by ticket only, which can be purchased by making a donation of £10 per participant at www.justgiving.com/Cambridge-Pinks.

Sara's Sweet Creations will be leading the demonstration. Come along and learn a new skill to pass on to your children and grandchildren.

We also have a PINK quiz sheet of 20 questions you can purchase through the justgiving page for £2. The winner will be drawn at the cake decorating event.

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Cambridge Pinks is a local voluntary group. We support the charity Breast Cancer Campaign in the search for a cure for breast cancer in our lifetime. Charity Registration No. 299758.

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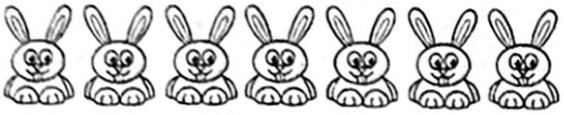

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The next Patient Group Meeting is Thursday 21st May 2–4pm at Willingham Surgery. We welcome new members, in particular younger members and young mums.

Carers Support Meeting – the next meetings are Weds 6th May and 10th June 2–4.30pm at Willingham Surgery. Come along for a friendly chat and learn about support available. Ring Karen at the surgery for details.

Hearing Help Service – next dates are Weds 20th May and 17th June 2–4pm.

Having difficulty sleeping? Here are some tips for better sleep: keep regular hours; take more exercise; reduce caffeine intake; write down your worries; turn off gadgets; don't over-indulge on food and alcohol; invest in a comfortable, supportive bed.

Goodbye and thank you everyone – I am retiring at the end of May after 44 years with the practice. I would like to thank patients and colleagues for their support over the years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here and will miss everybody.

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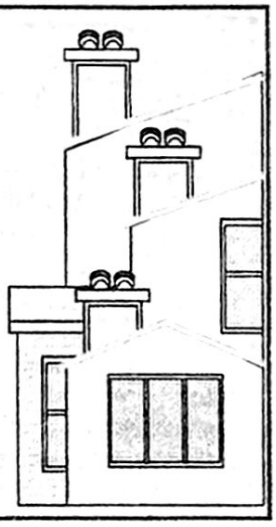

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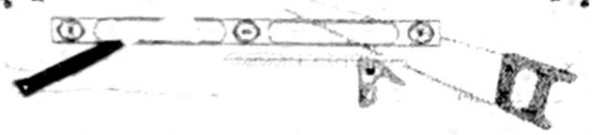

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Hard to believe that we are in May already, summer is fast approaching.

April saw myself (Julie), my colleague Kieran and Dobbies' Beth and James help out at the Starship Children Centre. We dug, cleared and created in the garden attached to the centre after it was affected by flooding in August last year. It was a fun, productive afternoon contending with the wind and rain. Hopefully this will be the start of an ongoing project involving parents and children who use the centre.

Over the Easter weekend, Lisa raised a substantial amount of funds for British Heart Foundation and Diabetes UK, our two charities of the year. This was Lisa's final fundraiser as Community Champion, before she moves to an administrative role within the store. Thanks for all your hard work over the last two years, Lisa, and good luck with the new job. Alison Pinney will be taking forward the of role Community Champion. She will continue to support local groups and activities within Bar Hill and the surrounding villages.

If you think Alison can help with a project, charity or event please contact her on 01954 240224 or email: barhill.communitychampion@gmail.com.

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Preparations for the 2015 Village Fete to be held on 4th July have reached an advanced stage. Unfortunately, owing to one committee member moving out of the village and his computer 'catching fire', the American theme has had to be downgraded. However, most community groups in the village as well as Tesco will be taking an active part.

The year 2016 will be Bar Hill's 'Golden Jubilee', fifty years since it became a parish in its own right, which we hope will be marked by a visit of a member of the Royal Family. The Fete, to be held on 2nd July, will be organised to celebrate the occasion. More help will be needed, as two members of the small Fete Committee, who have borne the lion's share in organising the fetes in recent years, have decided to play less active roles. Meetings to organise the Fete and to decide on responsibilities usually take place bi-monthly from September until March, then monthly and, in the final month, fortnightly.

While the 2016 Fete will definitely take place, subsequent fetes and the evening pop concerts cannot be guaranteed unless more residents come forward to share in their organisation. **Fete Day is when all parts of the Bar Hill community come together. Don't let it, like the annual fireworks evening, become a thing of the past.**

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Could YOU play a part in supporting our Scouts? The Group needs new committee members: it's just 3 meetings each year, plus the AGM. If you could help us in any way (perhaps you have a skill to share with the young members?) then please contact Raymond Andrews on raymond.andrews6@btinternet.com.

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A good many people have also contacted me regarding various aspects of the recent decision by the Highways & Community Infrastructure Committee to approve the development of an enterprise centre at the central library. The decision has been called in and will now be reviewed by the General Purposes Committee on 14 April.

The county council's grass cutting operation is due to commence shortly. The work will ensure maintenance of all villages and also grass verges outside 30mph limit areas and is meant to improve both highway safety and to keep our county looking neat and tidy. Working in partnership with District and Parish Councils across the county, grass cutting is scheduled for April, June and August.

Following the complaints about the ticket machines at the Cambridge Park & Ride sites work has been carried out with the contractors to improve the graphics. Some revisions have been made, including increasing the size of the wording on the screens, adding information on some of the screens and removal of some indicators which people found confusing. These changes to the graphics have been trialled on one of the machines at Trumpington over the last few weeks and feedback from users seems quite positive. Meanwhile the 'go-live' date for parking charges at the St Ives and Longstanton Park & Ride sites has been postponed to allow for full testing of the machines which I understand are to be different to those currently installed at the other sites.

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HEIDI ALLEN

Heidi has been selected as the Conservative candidate for South Cambridgeshire, replacing the retiring candidate, Andrew Lansley MP.
She is originally from a village in rural Yorkshire. She studied Astrophysics at university and for 18 years worked in a variety of industries. For the last six years she has been running the family manufacturing business.
Heidi is not a career politician. She only decided to get involved after watching the awful scenes at the Tottenham riots in 2011. She found she wanted to inspire people to care for their community and their country. She is keen to represent somewhere where her skills and experience will be useful and her understanding of village life, science, and big and small business relevant. She is excited by economic growth, but not at the cost of rural communities. South Cambridgeshire feels like a good fit and somewhere she will be able to make a difference.
Heidi and her husband, Phil, live in Steeple Morden.
It was actually Phil who first suggested she become an MP.
If you would like to meet her, or have any questions, please get in touch on 07718 287999 or heidi-hi@heidisouthcambs.co.uk.

SEBASTIAN KINDERSLEY

Sebastian has been selected to run again as the Liberal Democrat candidate for South Cambridgeshire.
Born in Scotland he grew up in Ireland before moving to Cambridge in the early 80's to complete a degree at Anglia Ruskin University. Moving to South Cambs in the mid-80s he set up a market research company in Royston. Having sold the company he now runs a small home-based business based at East Hatley, near Gamlingay, working with financial institutions.
Sebastian was first elected to serve South Cambridgeshire residents in 1999 as a South Cambs District Councillor for Gamlingay. Since then he has added Arrington, Hatley, Lt Gransden, Croydon and Longstowe when the ward boundaries changed in 2004, and the Parishes of Barrington, Orwell, Wimpole, Harlton, Haslingfield and the Eversdens followed in 2005 when he was elected County Councillor.
Planning and the development of the area is Sebastian's chief concern and he sits on both the District and County Planning Committees. Over the years he has held many other posts at South Cambs and is passionate in particular about the importance of Parish Councils in local life.
Outside work Sebastian grows his own fruit and vegetables, keeps bees and takes advantage of living in the beautiful countryside of South Cambridgeshire. He is a Trustee of a local housing charity and over the years has been a Governor of two local schools. He organises the annual Poppy Appeal for Gamlingay and the Hatleys. He is very happy to hear from any resident – contact Sebastian on 01767 651982 or skindersley@hotmail.com.

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You may have noticed that work has begun on the practice net in an area of the village green to the side of the Scout Hut. We have rolled a specially designed heavy-duty plastic mat on to the surface of the green and once the grass has grown through the gaps in the plastic, we will have a durable, flat surface around which we can place a sturdy batting 'cage'
We have applied for Sport England funding to cover up to two-thirds of the cost of the cage, which will allow for contained and safe outdoor practice. We will be raising our own funds to cover the rest of the estimated £1,800 total cost. If any organisations or individuals would like to make a donation, they would of course be very much appreciated!
This is a much-needed improvement to sports facilities in the village and we are very grateful for the support of the Parish Council.
Youth training sessions will start shortly – please see our website at www.barhillcricket.org.uk for details.
We also have a Facebook page and you can follow us on Twitter @BarHillCC.
Many thanks to all those who came along to support our Chilli Night at the Social Club in April – it was nice to see you all and we hope you enjoyed Ash's special chilli!
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SIMON SAGGERS

Simon has been selected as the Green Party candidate for South Cambridgeshire at the 2015 General Election.
Generations of Simon's family come from South Cambs. He was brought up in Bassingbourn and returned there, after working in the charity sector, to establish the Guilden Gate smallholding with his wife Jacqui. Simon and Jacqui have a 13 year old son, George, and an 11 year old daughter, Maddie.
Simon is proud to be a small part of the vast network of local volunteers that help village life flourish. Over the last 15 years he has been a Parish Councillor, a trustee of the Elbourn Memorial Housing Trust, part of the Living Local Group, and a governor at the Village College.
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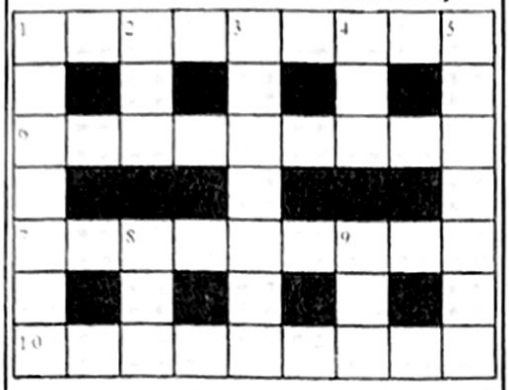

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MAY BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

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We urge you to avoid burning waste and instead dispose of it responsibly. If you do decide to have a bonfire, please make sure you follow these essential tips to avoid a visit from the fire service:

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- Don't leave bonfires unattended.
- Build bonfires well clear of buildings, fences and hedge.
- Never use flammable liquids to start the fire, and never burn dangerous rubbish such as aerosols, paint, foam furniture, rubber tyres, and batteries.
- Before you light the bonfire, check that children and animals are not hiding inside and are a safe distance away.

Make sure fire safety still stays at the forefront of your mind in May – and don't forget to test your smoke alarm and the smoke alarms of the vulnerable and elderly in your neighbourhood.

Log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk for the latest incidents, news and safety advice. We're also on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

CAMBRIDGE PRINTER VICTOIRE CELEBRATES 25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

In 1990, Howard Seaber-Shinn and Tony Elliott staged a management buy-out of the print department of Cambridgeshire County Council, and Victoire Press was born. 25 years later, in larger premises and with a team more than three times the size, Victoire has come a long way.

One of the first in Cambridge to have digital print machines, Victoire's team is always on the lookout for new techniques, machinery and solutions. Innovative and creative, reliable and thorough, the Victoire promise really stands for something, which is reflected in its high number of long-term customers and low staff turnover.

Victoire takes sustainability and conservation extremely seriously, and signed up to the Woodland Trust's Carbon Capture scheme in 2013. Staff attend the annual tree planting day too, which is a hard day's work for everyone!

Social responsibility is high on Victoire's agenda: as well as the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning event, staff have also competed in a mini triathlon for Children in Need, taken part in the Saucony Cambridge Half Marathon and numerous Race for Life runs for Cancer Research – and never pass up the chance to get into fancy dress for charity! They recently donated 48,000 business cards to help the global MegaMenger mathematics project in Cambridge and have also printed promotional materials for charity events, such as the Soundwave Project's 2013 "rockaoke" gig to combat society stigmas around mental health issues.

Managing Director Tony Elliot: "I am very proud of what Howard, myself and my staff have achieved in the last 25 years. We are a team and I strongly believe this has been a reason for our longevity. We are grateful to all our suppliers and customers for their continued loyalty – we could not have succeeded for 25 years without their support – so thank you all!"

MAY PUZZLE

Form nine, nine letter fabrics, in alphabetical order.

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E	L	L	I	N	G	T	E	R
E	R	S	L	I	N	T	O	W
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Solution for April: BRIMSTONE, CARPENTER, CLEARWING, CLEOPATRA, HONEYCOMB, NOTODONTA, PYRALIDAE, SCAVENGER, UNDERWING.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Interested persons are always welcome at Residents' Association meetings, which are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Parish Council office.

Next meeting:

AGM: **Friday 15th May;**

Tuesday 2nd June

– Events Calendar –

date	*event*	*where*	*time*
4 May	Rosie stall at the Farmland Museum *(page 15)*	Denny Abbey Craft Fair	10.30am–4pm
7 May:	NWR – Hat Debate *(page 3)*	Venue: Julie's	8pm
7 May	8 O'Clock Club: Gerry Dodd *(page 8)*	School	8pm
9 May	NWR – Area Meeting *(page 3)*	[members only]	
11 May	Bar Hill Book Club *(page 5)*	The Fox	7pm
17 May	Bar Hill community picnic bench celebration *(page 1)*	outside the Library	2–4pm
21 May	NWR – Prime Minister *(page 3)*	venue: Di's	8pm
28 May	**Electrical Recycling Collection Day** *(page 1)*		
26-30 May	Over Players 'Fiddler on the Roof' *(page 16)*	Over Community Centre	7.30pm
4 June	8 O'Clock Club: David Reeves *(page 8)*	School	8pm
4 June	NWR – Dress *(page 3)*	venue: Marie The's	8pm
6 June	Have-A-Go Golf Day *(page 1)*	Golf Club, Bar Hill	3–6pm
13 June	Rosie stall at Willingham Craft Fair *(page 15)*	Ploughman's Hall, CB24 5LP	2.30–4pm

BAR HILL SCHOOL...

...children have continued to show our school the value of love in big ways, through fund raising for Comic Relief (£636) and building no fewer than three toilets oversees for people who previously didn't have one in their community (a project called 'Toilet Twinning'). The children also raised £1,625 during 'Celebrating Reading and Writing' week to refurbish classes with new books for all ages. As ever, our children continue to impress their teachers with high levels of enthusiasm, achievement and fun.

After a lovely Easter break, the staff and children have come back refreshed and ready for the summer term. A lot is happening this term and we are looking forward to the challenges ahead. We will be moving forward on a number of projects, including the installation of Wifi access to allow us to use mobile devices anywhere on site, the continued work on our physical environment with the painting of all of the outdoor spaces and the development of a long term energy reduction scheme using a range of technology including solar panels.

We will also be creating an outdoor education plan using the ideas from the Discovery Detective work completed by the children this term and the thoughts of consultants from the Groundwork team.

We would love you to join us on **Friday 5th June** when we will be having our **'Whole School Family Fun Day'** on the school playing field. It will start after school, from approximately

3.00–6.30pm. The PTA will have a barbecue, licensed bar and various bouncy activities. There will be ice cream and cake stalls as well as the various stalls the children and classes will be running.

Finally, due to our popularity and growing roll, we will be looking for teachers to start in September. Any teachers in our community would be very welcome to contact the Head at headteacher@barhill.cambs.sch.uk for further details.

Dr Al Mistrana, Headteacher

UPCOMING BIN COLLECTIONS

Weds. 22 April	black bins
Weds. 29 April	green bin, blue bin etc.
Thurs. 7 May	black bins
Weds. 13 May	green bin, blue bin etc.
Weds. 20 May	black bins
Thurs. 28 May	green bin, blue bin etc.
Weds. 3 June	black bins
Weds. 10 June	green bin, blue bin etc.

HELP SAVE BAR HILL TENNIS CLUB

Our Club was founded in January 1990. Through energetic effort we committed to develop class facilities for the benefit of Bar Hill. Thanks to the support of the Parish Council, land was set aside and the Committee set about raising a total of £36,000. In 1997, we achieved this goal and constructed the facilities we now enjoy. Membership peaked at nearly 40 adult members and 30+ juniors but unfortunately has dwindled in recent years. The club is now in grave danger of closing if we cannot encourage new members. With the right level of support we can continue to fund for the future and ensure the Village maintains this sporting resource.

To survive we need new members, so this season (1st May to end September) we are offering a **year's free membership** for the first playing season to new members.

Tuesday nights (7–9pm) are for more experienced players; our new Thursday Club night (7–9pm) is for newcomers or less experienced players, when at least one male and female club member will be available for guidance and information.

To take up this offer please complete the Application Form available on our website www.barhilltennisclub.co.uk.

PLEASE HELP SAVE OUR CLUB!!

Contact Paul Chubbuck, Secretary: 01954 781688; paul.chubbuck@btinternet.com.

Or visit our website: www.barhilltennisclub.co.uk.

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